



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Blacksburg High

Cherokee

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 540

Principal: Jim Touchberry

Superintendent: Dr. William B. James

Board Chair: Mr. Billy Blackwell

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Good	Excellent	TBD	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Excellent	N/A	Met	N/A
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	10	22	3	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are High Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Passed 2 subtests (%)	76.6%	85.3%	76.9%	77.6%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	8.5%	5.9%	13.1%	12.1%
Passed no subtests (%)	14.9%	8.8%	10.3%	10.2%

HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2008

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
	96.1%	93.3%

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

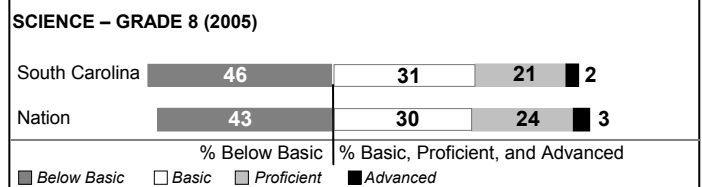
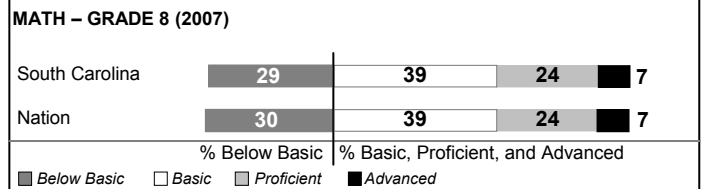
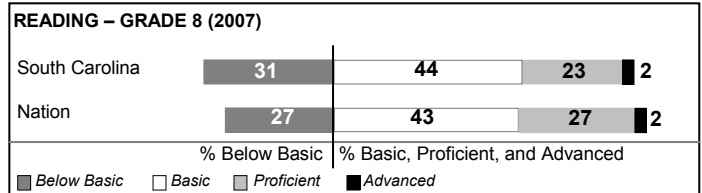
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	111	207
Number of Diplomas	94	155
Rate (%)	84.7%	74.2%

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	67.0%	68.6%
English 1	64.9%	57.2%
Physical Science	0%	48.0%
All Tests	65.8%	57.5%

NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
Students (n=540)				
Retention rate	4.2%	Down from 6.6%	6.7%	6.1%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.4%	94.8%	95.0%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.2%	Down from 15.8%	9.5%	8.3%
With disabilities other than speech	9.1%	Down from 9.4%	13.8%	13.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.2%	1.2%	1.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	9.7%	Down from 12.2%	9.1%	11.4%
Successful on AP/IB exams	56.3%	N/A	43.3%	54.3%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	56.3%	Down from 69.2%	30.1%	30.5%
Annual dropout rate	3.7%	Down from 4.0%	3.7%	3.5%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	11.8%	Up from 10.9%	3.9%	3.1%
Enrollment in career/technology courses	288	Up from 204	509	559
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	97.1%	Down from 98.0%	78.8%	79.6%
Teachers (n=41)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.1%	Down from 57.1%	52.5%	57.4%
Continuing contract teachers	87.8%	Up from 85.7%	72.6%	69.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.1%	Up from 0.0%	8.5%	8.7%
Teachers returning from previous year	90.3%	No Change	85.5%	85.0%
Teacher attendance rate	93.8%	Down from 94.5%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary	\$47,099	Up 3.2%	\$46,087	\$46,061
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	4.7%	4.3%
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.8 to 1	Down from 23.0 to 1	26.0 to 1	25.4 to 1
Prime instructional time	88.3%	Down from 88.7%	88.2%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$7,535	Up 1.4%	\$7,535	\$7,279
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	65.2%	Up from 62.3%	56.4%	55.3%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	66.4%	Up from 65.4%	60.7%	60.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
Modern Language Program Assessment	Below Average	N/A	Good	Good
Classical Language Program Assessment	N/A	N/A	Good	Average
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%		88.2%	90.5%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	35	110	43
Percent satisfied with learning environment	97.1%	82.6%	83.7%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	80.7%	72.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	75.8%	89.1%	80.5%

*Only students at the highest high school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2007-2008 school year was once again successful at Blacksburg High School. Our students and teachers performed well in all areas of school life. We have experienced significant achievements throughout the school year. Academically, our students continue to score above the state average on the South Carolina Exit Exam, and preliminary results indicate an increase in our overall scores on both the SAT and ACT. Artistically, our programs continue to grow and produce outstanding results. Our piano lab, hand bell choir, and chorus continue to expand, and we have added drama to our curriculum. Athletically, many of our teams advanced into the state playoffs with a number of student-athletes earning all-region honors.

We have just completed the fifth year of our academy program, and there is substantial evidence that it is paying academic dividends for our students. We also have increased our Advanced Placement offerings through our Distance Learning Program, teachers gaining AP certification, and creative scheduling. The initial implementation of in-house credit recovery through a mastery-based computer program has proven to be a great success. We anticipate this program will increase our graduation rate, especially among students who face life challenges that often lead to dropping out of school.

Many of our students submitted entries to various district, state, and regional contests. A significant percentage of them won awards and commendations due to their outstanding efforts, including a state winner and sixth-place nationally in the "Voice of Democracy" entry. Our students also participated in events such as blood drives, fundraisers for cancer research, recycling projects, CPR training classes, and other projects to improve our school and community. We were also very proud to be named as a Palmetto Gold Winning school.

Our challenge remains to build on these achievements. We will do so by continuing to improve our educational programs, providing better services to our students, and continuing to upgrade our facilities. Our school staff and community are determined to make Blacksburg High School an even better school, one that will continue to provide ample opportunities for all students and teachers to excel.

Jim Touchberry, Principal
Karen McDaniel, School Improvement Council

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